Damage to health facilities in Orissa, West Bengal and Gujarat

267. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of damage to Public Health facilities and services in Orissa super cyclone, floods in West Bengal and recent earthquake in Gujarat, giving the details thereof, separately;

(b) whether any amount has been contributed by Government to these States to restore the reconstruct these facilities, as well as for facing adverse public health conditions and treatment, in the aftermath of these natural calamities; and

(c) if so, whether all these supports have been free of cost; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) (i) The total loss reported by the Government of Orissa in the health sector was Rs. 144.53 crores.

(ii) The Government of West Bengal projected a requirement of Rs. 21.19 crore for relief and restoration of health sector.

(iii) The Government of Gujarat has projected a requirement of Rs. 125 crore for health sector.

(b)	State	Amount in Rs. Provided by the Central Government
(i)	Orissa	Rs. 17.00 crores
(ii)	West Bengal	Rs. 2.97 crores
(iii)	Gujarat	The demand from the State Government is under scruitiny.

Orissa: The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India rushed medical teams and relief items weighting about 600 Metric Tonnes including I.V. Fluids, ORS, Anti-biotics, Halogen Tablets, Anti-diarroheal, paediatric drugs, Anti snake venom serum etc. 2 lakh litres of Phenyl and 350 M.T. of bleaching powder on credit basis. For anti malarial activities sufficient quantity of DDT,

Malathion and drugs for curative purpose had been supplied. The timely public health measures taken by the Central and the State Government prevented outbreak of any disease.

West Bengal: The Central Government Medical Stores Depot, Calcutta, under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare supplied medicines and medical stores on the request of the State Government on credit basis to tide over the crisis. The timely actions taken by the State health authorities with the assistance of Centre prevented outbreak of any disease.

Gujarat: 52 Doctors and Para-medicos (consisting of Orthopaedic Surgeons, General Surgeons, Anesthetists/Physicians) from RMLH, Safdarjung Hospital, PGI Chandigarh and AIIMS were sent along with antibiotics, IV Fluids, tetanus injections, anti-inflammatory drugs and surgical material were airlifted in a IAF Plane to Bhuj followed by team of 12 Doctors from AIIMS on 27th. The medical relief items amounting to about Rs. 5.70 crores consisting of antibiotics, disinfectants, IV fluids, bandages, cotton roll, ORS packets, 500 M.T. bleaching powder, 5000 litres of phenyl and 65 M.T. Synthetic pyrethroid, 5 lakhs doses of Measles Vaccine, two protable X-ray machines, X-ray plates and reagents despatched.

Field surveillance and disinfection of water sources are being carried out effectively. Introduction of Larvi vorus fish and malaria larvicidal oil in stagnant water collection is being carried out to prevent mosquito breeding. As a result there is no unusual increase in waterborne diseasese like diarrohea, typhoid, jaundice and vector disease like malaria.

(c) Medicines and other items supplied on credit basis will be reimbursed by the State Governments.